TITLE OF THE INVENTION

ADAPTIVE WRITING METHOD FOR HIGH-DENSITY OPTICAL RECORDING APPARATUS AND CIRCUIT THEREOF

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of Korean Application No. 98-29732, filed July 23, 1998, in the Korean Patent Office, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to an adaptive writing method for a high-density optical recording apparatus and a circuit thereof, and more particularly, to an adaptive writing method for optimizing light power of a light source, e.g., a laser diode, to be suitable to characteristics of a recording apparatus, and a circuit thereof.

2. Description of the Related Art

With the multi-media era requiring high-capacity recording media, optical recording systems employing high-capacity recording media, such as a magnetic optical disc drive (MODD) or a digital versatile disc random access memory (DVD-RAM) drive, have been widely used.

As the recording density increases, such optical recording systems require optimal and high-precision states. In general, with an increase in recording density, temporal fluctuation (to be referred to as jitter, hereinafter) in a data domain increases. Thus, in order to attain efficient high-density recording, it is very important to minimize the jitter.

Conventionally, a write pulse is formed as specified in the DVD-RAM specifications shown in FIG. 1B, with respect to input NRZI (Non-Return to Zero Inversion) data having marks of 3T, 5T and 11T (T being the channel clock duration),

as shown in FIG. 1A. Here, the NRZI data is divided into marks and spaces. The spaces are in an erase power level for overwriting. The waveform of a write pulse for marks equal to or longer than 3T mark, that is, 3T, 4T,...11T and 14T is comprised of a first pulse, a last pulse and a multi-pulse train. Here, only the number of pulses in the multi-pulse train is varied depending on the magnitude of a mark.

In other words, the waveform of the write pulse is comprised of a combination of read power (FIG. 1C), peak power or write power (FIG. 1D) and bias power or erase power (FIG. 1E). Here, the respective power signals shown in FIGS. 1C, 1D and 1E are all low-active signals.

The waveform of the write pulse is the same as that in accordance with the first generation 2.6 GB DVD-RAM standard. In other words, in accordance with the 2.6 GB DVD-RAM standard, the waveform of the write pulse is comprised of a first pulse, a multi-pulse train and a last pulse. Although the rising edge of the first pulse or the falling edge of the last pulse can be read from a lead-in area to be used, adaptive writing is not possible since the write pulse is fixed to be constant.

Therefore, when a write operation is performed by forming such a write pulse as shown in FIG. 1B, severe thermal interference may occur back and forth with respect to a mark in accordance with input NRZI data. In other words, when a mark is long and a space is short or vice versa, jitter is most severe. This is a major cause of lowered system performance. Also, this does not make it possible for the system to be applied to high-density DVD-RAMs, e.g., second generation 4.7 GB DVD-RAMs.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

To solve the above problems, it is an object of the present invention to provide an adaptive writing method of a write pulse generated in accordance with the magnitude of the present mark of input data and the magnitudes of the leading and/or trailing spaces thereof.

It is another object of the present invention to provide an adaptive writing circuit for a high-density optical recording apparatus for optimizing light power of a laser diode by generating an adaptive write pulse in accordance with the magnitude

of the present mark of input data and the magnitudes of the leading and trailing spaces thereof.

Additional objects and advantages of the invention will be set forth in part in the description which follows and, in part, will be obvious from the description, or may be learned by practice of the invention.

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Accordingly, to achieve the first and other objects if the present invention, there is provided a method of writing input data on an optical recording medium using a write pulse whose waveform is comprised of a first pulse, a last pulse and a multi-pulse train, the adaptive writing method including the steps of controlling the waveform of the write pulse in accordance with the magnitude of the present mark of the input data and the magnitudes of the leading and/or trailing spaces to generate an adaptive write pulse, and writing the input data by the adaptive write pulse on the optical recording medium.

To achieve the second and other objects of the present invention, there is provided an apparatus for writing input data on an optical recording medium using a write pulse for a light source and whose waveform is comprised of a first pulse, a last pulse and a multi-pulse train, the adaptive writing circuit including a discriminator for discriminating the magnitude of the present mark of the input data and the magnitudes of the leading and/or trailing spaces, a generator for controlling the waveform of the write pulse in accordance with the magnitude of the present mark of the input data and the magnitudes of the leading and/or trailing spaces to generate an adaptive write pulse, and a driver for driving the light source by converting the adaptive write pulse into a current signal in accordance with driving power levels for the respective channels.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above and other objects and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent by describing in detail a preferred embodiment thereof with reference to the attached drawings, in which:

FIGS. 1A through 1E are waveform diagrams of conventional write pulses;

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of an adaptive writing circuit for a high-density optical recording apparatus according to an embodiment of the present invention;

FIGS. 3A through 3G are waveform diagrams of an adaptive write pulse recorded by the adaptive writing circuit shown in FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 illustrates grouping of input data according to the embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 5 is a table illustrating the combination of pulses generated by the grouping shown in FIG. 4;

FIG. 6 is a table illustrating rising edge shift values of a first pulse according to the embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 7 is a table illustrating falling edge shift values of a last pulse according to the embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 8 is a flowchart of an adaptive writing method according to the embodiment of the present invention; and

FIG. 9 is a graph for comparing jitter generated by the adaptive writing method of the present invention and the conventional writing method.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Hereinafter, a preferred embodiment of an adaptive writing method for a high-density optical recording apparatus and a circuit thereof will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

An adaptive writing circuit according to an embodiment of the present invention, as shown in FIG. 2, includes a data discriminator 102, a write waveform controller 104, a microcomputer 106, a write pulse generator 108 and a current driver 110. In other words, the data discriminator 102 discriminates input NRZI data. The write waveform controller 104 corrects the waveform of a write pulse in accordance with the discrimination result of the data discriminator 102 and a land/groove signal. The microcomputer 106 initializes the write waveform controller 104 or controls the data stored in the write waveform controller 104 to be updated in accordance with write conditions. The write pulse generator 108 generates an adaptive write pulse in accordance with the output of the write waveform controller 104. The current driver

110 converts the adaptive write pulse generated from the write pulse generator 108 into a current signal in accordance with the light power levels of the respective channels to drive a light source.

Next, the operation of the apparatus shown in FIG. 2 will be described with reference to FIGS. 3 through 7.

In FIG. 2, the data discriminator 102 discriminates the magnitude of a mark corresponding to the present write pulse (to be referred to as a present mark), the magnitude of the front-part space corresponding to the first pulse of the present mark (to be referred to as a leading space, hereinafter) and the magnitude of the rear-part space corresponding to the last pulse of the present mark (to be referred to as a trailing space) from input NRZI data, and applies the magnitudes of the leading and trailing spaces and the magnitude of the present mark to the write waveform controller 104.

Here, the magnitudes of the leading and trailing spaces and the magnitude of the present mark may range from 3T to 14T. There can be more than 1,000 possible combinations. Thus, circuits or memories for obtaining the amounts of shift in rising edges of the first pulses and falling edges of the last pulses are necessary with respect to all cases, which complicates the system and hardware. Therefore, in the present invention, the magnitudes of the present mark and the leading and trailing spaces of input NRZI data are grouped into a short pulse group, a middle pulse group and a long pulse group and the grouped magnitudes of the present mark and the leading and trailing spaces are used.

The write waveform controller 104 shifts the rising edge of the first pulse back and forth in accordance with the magnitudes of the leading space and the present mark, supplied from the data discriminator 102, or shifts the falling edge of the last pulse back and forth in accordance with the magnitudes of the present mark and the trailing space, to thus form a write waveform having an optimal light power. Here, the multi-pulse train of a mark takes the same shape as shown in FIG. 3B, that is, 0.5 T.

Also, the write waveform controller 104 can correct the rising edge of the first pulse of the present mark and the falling edge of the last pulse of the present mark into different values in accordance with externally applied land/groove signals

(LAND/GROOVE) indicating whether the input NRZI data is in a land track or a groove track. This is for forming a write waveform in consideration of different optimal light powers depending on the land and groove. There is a difference of 1-2 mW in the optimal light powers between the land and the groove, and this difference may be specifically set or managed by the specifications.

Therefore, the write waveform controller 104 may be constituted by a memory in which data corresponding to a shift value of the rising edge of the first pulse and a shift value of the falling edge of the last pulse in accordance with the magnitude of the present mark of input NRZI data and the magnitudes of the leading and trailing spaces thereof, is stored, or a logic circuit. In the case that the write waveform controller 104 is constituted by a memory, the widths of the first pulse and the last pulse are determined as channel clocks (T) plus and minus a data value (shift value) stored in the memory. Also, in this memory, shift values of the first and last pulses of the mark for each of a land and a groove may be stored. A single table in which the shift value of the rising edge of the first pulse is stored and in which the shift value of the falling edge of the last pulse is stored may be incorporated. Alternatively, as shown in FIGS. 6 and 7, two separate tables may be prepared.

The microcomputer 106 initializes the write waveform controller 104 or controls the shift values of the first and/or last pulse(s) to be updated in accordance with recording conditions. In particular, in accordance with zones, the light power can vary or the shift values of the first and last pulses can be reset.

The pulse width data for controlling the waveform of the write pulse is provided to the write pulse generator 108. The write pulse generator 108 generates an adaptive write pulse, as shown in FIG. 3F, in accordance with the pulse width data for controlling the waveform of the write pulse supplied from the write waveform controller 104 and supplies control signals shown in FIGS. 3C, 3D and 3E, for controlling the current flow for the respective channels (i.e., read, peak and bias channels) for the adaptive write pulse, to the current driver 110.

The current driver 110 converts the driving level of the light power of the respective channels (i.e., read, peak and bias channels) into current for a control time corresponding to the control signal for controlling the current flow of the respective

channels to allow the current to flow through the laser diode so that an appropriate amount of heat is applied to the recording medium by continuous ON-OFF operations of the laser diode or a change in the amounts of light. Here, a record domain as shown in FIG. 3G is formed on the recording medium.

FIG. 3A shows input NRZI data, which is divided into marks and spaces. FIG. 3B shows a basic write waveform, in which the rising edge of the first pulse of the write pulse lags behind by 0.5T, compared to the rising edge of the present mark. FIG. 3C shows the waveform of a read power of the adaptive write pulse, FIG. 3D shows the waveform of a peak power of the adaptive write pulse, and FIG. 3E shows the waveform of a bias power of the adaptive write pulse. FIG. 3F shows the waveform of the adaptive write pulse according to the embodiment of the present invention. The rising edge of the first pulse of the write waveform of the adaptive write pulse may be shifted back and forth in accordance with a combination of the magnitude of the leading space and the magnitude of the present mark. An arbitrary power (here, a read power or a write power) is applied during the period corresponding to the shift. Likewise, the falling edge of the last pulse of the adaptive write pulse may be shifted back and forth in accordance with a combination of the magnitude of the present mark and the magnitude of the trailing space. Also, an arbitrary power (here, a read power or a write power) is applied during the period corresponding to the shift.

Alternatively, the falling edge of the last pulse may be shifted back and forth in accordance with the magnitude of the present mark, regardless of the magnitude of the trailing space of the present mark. Also, rather than shifting the rising edge of the first pulse and the falling edge of the last pulse, the edge of any one pulse may be shifted. Also, in view of the direction of shift, shifting may be performed back and forth, only forward or only backward.

FIG. 4 illustrates grouping of input NRZI data, showing two examples of grouping. In the first example, if a low grouping pointer is 3 and a high grouping pointer is 12, then the mark of a short pulse group is 3T, the marks of a middle pulse group are from 4T to 11T and the mark of a long pulse group is 14T. In the second example, if a low grouping pointer is 4 and a high grouping pointer is 11, then the

marks of a short pulse group are 3T and 4T, the marks of a middle pulse group are from 5T to 10T and the marks of a long pulse group are 11T and 14T. As described above, since both the low grouping pointer and the high grouping pointer are used, utility efficiency is enhanced. Also, grouping can be performed differently for the respective zones.

FIG. 5 illustrates the number of cases depending on combinations of leading and trailing spaces and present marks, in the case of classifying input NRZI data into three groups, as shown in FIG. 4, using grouping pointers. FIG. 6 illustrates a table showing shift values of rising edges of the first pulse depending on the magnitude of the leading space and the magnitude of the present mark. FIG. 7 illustrates a table showing shift values of falling edges of the last pulse depending on the magnitude of the present mark and the magnitude of the trailing space.

FIG. 8 is a flow chart illustrating an adaptive writing method according to the embodiment of the present invention. First, a write mode is set (step S101). If the write mode is set, it is determined whether it is an adaptive write mode or not (step S102). If it is determined in step S102 that the write mode is an adaptive write mode, grouping pointers are set (step S103). Then, a grouping table depending on the set grouping pointers is selected (step S104). The selected grouping table may be a table reflecting land/groove as well as the grouping pointer. Also, the selected grouping table may be a table reflecting zones of the recording medium.

A shift value of the rising edge of the first pulse is read from the table shown in FIG. 6 in accordance with a combination (of magnitudes) of the leading space and present mark (S105).

A shift value of the falling edge of the last pulse is read from the table shown in FIG. 7 in accordance with a combination (of magnitudes) of the present mark and the trailing space (step S106).

The adaptive write pulse in which the first pulse and the last pulse are controlled in accordance with the read shift values is generated (step S107). Then, the light powers of the respective channels for the generated adaptive write pulse, i.e., read, peak and bias powers, are controlled to drive a laser diode (step S108) to

then perform a write operation on a disc (step S109). If the write mode is not an adaptive write mode, a general write pulse is generated in step S107.

FIG. 9 is a graph for comparing jitter generated by the adaptive writing method according to the embodiment of the present invention and the conventional writing method. It is understood that, assuming that the peak light is 9.5 mW, the bottom power of a multi-pulse train is 1.2 mW, the cooling power is 1.2 mW and the bias power is 5.2 mW, there is less jitter generated when writing the adaptive write pulse according to the present invention than when generated writing the fixed write pulse according to the conventional writing method. The initialization conditions are a speed of 4.2 m/s, an erase power of 7.2 mW and 100 write operations.

In other words, according to the present invention, in adaptively varying the marks of a write pulse, the rising edge of the first pulse is adaptively shifted in accordance with the magnitude of the leading space and the magnitude of the present mark of input NRZI data to thus control the waveform of the write pulse, and/or the falling edge of the last pulse is adaptively shifted in accordance with the magnitude of the present mark and the magnitude of the trailing space of the input NRZI data to thus control the waveform of the write pulse, thereby minimizing jitter. Also, the waveform of the write pulse may be optimized in accordance with land/groove signals. Also, in the present invention, grouping may be performed differently for the respective zones, using grouping pointers.

A new adaptive writing method according to the present invention can be adopted to most high-density optical recording apparatuses using an adaptive writing pulse.

As described above, the widths of the first and/or last pulses of a write pulse waveform are varied in accordance with the magnitude of the present mark of input NRZI data and the magnitude of the leading or trailing space, thereby minimizing jitter to enhance system reliability and performance. Also, the width of a write pulse is controlled by grouping the magnitude of the present mark and the magnitude of the leading or trailing spaces, thereby reducing the size of hardware.

Although a preferred embodiment of the present invention has been shown and described, it would be appreciated by those skilled in the art that changes may

be made in this embodiment without departing from the principles and spirit of the invention, the scope of which is defined in the claims and their equivalents.